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SUBJECT: FY 1979 SENATE HEARINGS
DOTA NO. 039-GU
(TT/LNO GUAM PLS PASS TO US GOVT. COMPTROLLER FOR GUAM)
1. GOV/GUAM PLS PASS TO US GOVT. COMPTROLLER FOR GUAM)

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY THE SENATE NEED TO BE ANSWERED
FOR INCLUSION IN THE RECORD:

GUAM WATER SYSTEM--

1. THE SEPTEMBER 1977 GAO REPORT ON GUAM RAISED A NUMBER
OF QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CAPABILITY OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY
AGENCY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE WATER SYSTEM. AN OPERAT-
ING DEFICIT OF 15.7 MILLION DOLLARS WAS IDENTIFIED IN FY
1975. WHAT IS THE CURRENT SITUATION? IS THE PUBLIC UTILITY
AGENCY STILL OPERATING IN A DEFICIT?

2. WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL
AFFAIRS TO CORRECT THE SITUATION?

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3. THE REPORT STATED THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY HAD
INCOMPLETE RECORDS ON CONNECTIONS, THAT ESTIMATES WERE
MADE ON BILLINGS BECAUSE METERS COULD NOT BE LOCATED, AND

THAT THE COLLECTION EFFORT WAS LAX. WHAT IS THE CURRENT
(1977) SITUATION REGARDING COLLECTIONS AND BILLINGS?

4. HAVE METERS BEEN INSTALLED AT ALL CONNECTIONS, AND ARE THEY ALL OPERATIVE?

5. HAVE AUDITS BEEN CONDUCTED ON THE WATER SYSTEM, EITHER INTERNALLY OR BY THE FEDERAL COMPTROLLER?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND--

6. THE REQUEST FOR THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND IS 500,000 DOLLARS WHICH REPRESENTS THE FINAL INCREMENT OF THE 5 MILLION DOLLARS AUTHORIZED. ON PAGE 17 OF THE JUSTIFICATION YOU SHOW NO UNOBLIGATED BALANCE AVAILABLE IN 1978, BUT ON PAGE 29 A 1.1 MILLION DOLLAR CARRYOVER IS MENTIONED. WHICH STATEMENT IS CORRECT?

7. HOW DID THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OCCUR? FROM WHAT FISCAL YEARS DID THE BALANCE GENERATE?

8. THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE FUND IS 500,000 DOLLARS. WITH AN UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THAT SIZE, WHY SHOULD WE APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING?

9. WHAT ASSURANCES CAN YOU GIVE US THAT GUAM CAN OBLIGATE ALL OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND BY THE END OF FY 1979?

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10. YOU INDICATE THAT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND HAS A CURRENT DELINQUENCY RATE OF APPROXIMATELY 24 PERCENT. WHAT IS BEING DONE TO REDUCE THAT RATE AND WHAT ARE THE CHANCES THAT YOU CAN SUCCEED?

11. THE JUSTIFICATION INDICATES THAT MOST OF THE LOAN REQUESTS INVOLVE PROJECTS WHICH ARE ONLY marginally FEASIBLE. WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ENCOURAGE CONSOLIDATION OR RESTRUCTURING OF PROJECTS SO THAT THEY ARE FEASIBLE?

PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS ASAP. MRS. RUTH G. VAN CLEVE, DIRECTOR, OTA SENDS. VANCE

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